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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/333,806	Applicant(s) SHAFFER ET AL.	
	Examiner Paul Callahan	Art Unit 2137	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 11 and 20 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) 6-10 and 12-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 5-29-2005 has been entered.

2. Claims 1-20 remain pending in this application and have been examined.

Terminal Disclaimer

3. The terminal disclaimer filed on 5-29-2005 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of 6,145,083 has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 6-10, and 12-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miller et al. US Patent 5,550,968, Aug. 27, 1996, and Pinard et al. US Patent 5,533,110.

As per claims 6-8, 12, and 19, Miller teaches a method for providing a graphical user interface (GUI) in a computer; providing a client window within said GUI; manually placing said client window into a guest mode; and locking a guest user into said client window by preventing unauthorized use of functions of said computer external to said client window in said guest mode, and a means for releasing the preventing or locking means, in the Abstract, col. 2 lines 30-67, col. 3 lines 30-67, and col. 4 lines 39-67. Miller does not explicitly teach prevention of the cursor from exiting the window and accessing such functions as maximizing and demaximizing a window, however such a feature is taught by IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, March 1985, Vol. 27, Issue 10B, page 6126. Additionally, Miller does not explicitly teach operation of a ToL communications client window within a Graphical User Interface and user icons, however Pinard et al. does teach this feature in figures 1 and 2, and in col. 2 lines 9-22.

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Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate the features as disclosed by IBM, and the steps of Miller into the system of Pinard. It would have been desirable to do so as this would allow for greater security of use of the ToL system by a user. For example, prevention of unauthorized access to the controls of a ToL interface within a GUI could prevent unauthorized long distance calls, or access to user records, while still allowing certain types of calls, e.g., local or emergency calls. Pinard teaches such a motive to combine the teachings in col. 1 lines 10-51 where user control over connectivity control functions for select types of calls is described. The teachings of Miller and IBM provide extra security and control over control functions displayed on a GUI of the type employed by Pinard.

As per claims 9 and 10, Miller teaches setting a password to determine whether a user is authorized to access said other functions, in col. 2 lines 49-67.

As per claims 13-18, these claims are directed towards the apparatus carrying out the method of claims 1-12 and are therefore rejected on the same basis as claims 1-12.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 1-5, 11, and 20 are allowed.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul E. Callahan whose telephone number is (571) 272-3869. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9 to 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise, can be reached on (571) 272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is: (571) 273-8300.

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